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SUBJECT: KUWAITI PRESS REPORTS ON PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN TALKS:
HANI AL-HASSAN IN KUWAIT

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1. KUWAITI PRESS OF FEB 27 HAS TWO ARTICLES ON PLO-JORDANIAN
DIALOGUE:
A. AL SIYASAH'S ARAB AFFAIRS EDITOR REPORTS HE LEARNED FROM
PALESTINIAN SOURCES PARTICIPATING IN RECENT MEETINGS IN AMMAN
THAT THE PLO HAS OBTAINED: JORDANIAN AGREEMENT TO A FEDERATION
"IN THE FUTURE" WITH JORDAN; A JORDANIAN UNDERTAKING TO ISSUE
"PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN PASSPORTS" TO ALL PALESTINIANS NOW CARRY-
ING REFUGEE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FROM OTHER ARAB STATES, SUCH
PASSPORTS TO BE ISSUED AFTER THE END OF THE NEXT ARAB SUMMIT IN
CAIRO (MARCH 1977); AND A JORDANIAN PROMISE TO HOLD PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS.

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B. AL QABAS QUOTES PALESTINIAN SOURCES AS SAYING THAT
RECONCILIATION BETWEEN KING HUSSAIN AND ARAFAT WILL OCCUR AT AN
ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN CAIRO SHORTLY BEFORE THE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT
THERE, AND THAT, AFTER THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING,
ARAFAT WILL GO TO AMMAN TO CARRY ON THE PLO-JORDANIAN DIALOGUE.
THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE PLO-JORDANIAN MEETINGS IN AMMAN WILL
RESUME THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH. PALESTINIAN SOURCES HERE REPORTEDLY

SAID THAT THE CURRENT HIATUS WAS DESIGNED TO PERMIT BOTH SIDES TO CONSULT RESPECTIVE LEADERS. SAME PRESS REPORT ALSO ASSERTS THAT AN UNNAMED "ARAB STATE" IS PRESSURING JORDAN TO DELAY A RECONCILIATION WITH THE PALESTINIANS AND NOTES THAT PLO LEADER HANI AL-HASSAN SPENT THE NIGHT OF FEB 25 IN KUWAIT BRIEFING LOCAL PALESTINIANS.
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